

## JUVENILE TRAFFICKING PRE-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

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The Juvenile Trafficking Pre-Assessment Checklist was created to help multidisciplinary team members identify potential victims of juvenile trafficking. This confidential Pre-Assessment Checklist is intended to document *indicators* only and should be followed up with a comprehensive investigation and assessment of the child's needs, where appropriate. Multiple sources of information can be used to determine if indicators of juvenile trafficking may be present, such as the location where the child is found, the context of the initial contact, current allegations, and/or medical, criminal and DFS history known about the child. If indicators are identified and juvenile trafficking is suspected, an immediate report to the Division of Family Services (DFS) Report Line and the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction should be made. These notifications should prompt a comprehensive assessment of the child's safety, placement, mental health, medical, and substance abuse treatment needs.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL YOUTH INDICATORS – SEX & LABOR TRAFFICKING
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent and/or ongoing history of homelessness
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple runaway attempts
<input type="checkbox"/> Not in control of their identification
<input type="checkbox"/> Not in control of money earned, owes a debt or has intense sense of financial responsibility toward family or intimate partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of support system or supportive relationships
<input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained travel, purchases or access to money
<input type="checkbox"/> Inconsistencies in story
<input type="checkbox"/> Appears to be monitored, fearful, anxious
HEALTH INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING
<input type="checkbox"/> High number of intimate partners reported for age
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple terminated pregnancies
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexually transmitted infections/diseases
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion and/or malnourishment
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical or sexual abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Branding – tattoo (name, symbol) & reluctance to explain tattoo
<input type="checkbox"/> History of abuse or neglect
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health issues such as depression, PTSD, withdraw, suicidal or self-harming tendencies, memory loss
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical signs of unhealthy living conditions (skin rash, poor hygiene including dental)
RELATIONSHIP INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING
<input type="checkbox"/> Controlling intimate partner, friend or relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Older intimate partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Resides with non-relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Has relative or friend involved in commercial sex
<input type="checkbox"/> Females may struggle to maintain relationships with other females

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BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple, prolonged runaway attempts (3+ or gone for more than 20 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> High levels of or increased truancy and/or curfew violations
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor school performance or behavior
<input type="checkbox"/> School performance is significantly under grade level
<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent websites known for sale of commercial sex (Backpage, Craigslist, Mocospace, Eros, Myscarletbook, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses language of the commercial sex industry (“the life”): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daddy (to describe partner)</li> <li>• Bottom (to describe female who has more control over others)</li> <li>• Family/Folks (to describe others in the life)</li> <li>• Renegade (selling sex without a controller)</li> <li>• Choosing up (going to another controller)</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>For full list of terms, please see: <a href="http://sharedhope.org/the-problem/trafficking-terms/">http://sharedhope.org/the-problem/trafficking-terms/</a></i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> History of criminal charges related to prostitution or other charges that may occur while being trafficked (thefts, drugs, assault)
ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING
<input type="checkbox"/> Found in an area known for illegal commercial sex
<input type="checkbox"/> Found with men (often older males)
<input type="checkbox"/> Found with large amount of cash on their person
<input type="checkbox"/> Resides in or is found near hotels
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexually explicit social networking profiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Stays with individuals who require payment for housing them (could be sexual favors, drugs or money)
LABOR TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
<input type="checkbox"/> Recruited with false promises of work conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> Works long hours with few or no breaks
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay is inconsistent
<input type="checkbox"/> Some or all of pay goes towards debt or housing, food, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Some or all of pay is given to someone else
<input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained signs of injury or illness, possibly untreated
<input type="checkbox"/> Shows anxiety in maintaining job for duty to family, intimate partner or to pay a debt to employer
<input type="checkbox"/> Desperation to make a sale (magazines, beauty products, etc.) or for money while begging

**Disclaimer:** While this checklist can be a useful tool to improve identification of potential victims of exploitative abuse, it is not a validated diagnostic tool. The checklist is intended to be used as a pre-assessment tool and should be followed up with a comprehensive investigation and assessment of the child’s needs, where appropriate. Even if multiple indicators are present on the checklist, it does not confirm victimization but rather highlights a potential need for further investigation and assessment.

**Completed By (Print Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_